

DOW CITY.

Mesdames Arens and Jacobsen of Denison visited the Dow City Rebe- kah lodge Wednesday evening. Sears Nelson was in Denison on business Thursday. Oscar Edwards returned to his work at the Ames Agricultural col- lege Thursday. Fred and Nelson Butler arrived in town Thursday from Washington. George Rule and George Brake, two of our rural mail carriers, at- tended the poultry show in Denison Thursday evening. Mrs. Hallowell and daughter, Jennie, and Miss Laura Scott were Denison visitors Friday. Mrs. Eva Cole-Mickelson and chil- dren of Emmetsburg, Iowa, are here on account of the illness of her mother. Walter Cameron moved Monday into the house with Mrs. Wiggins. George Binnall is to move into the house vacated by Mr. Cameron and Frank Binnall is to move into the house which will soon be vacated by Mrs. Nettie Graves, who is to go to Saco, Maine, to live with her brother. Emil Doser is in New Mexico this week looking over the country. Mrs. Doser accompanied him as far as Woodbine for a visit with friends. Zella, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Riddle, did at Creighton, Neb., last Thursday afternoon. The funeral was in the M. E. church at Dow City Saturday at ten o'clock and interment in the Dow City cemetery. All extend sympathy to the bereaved family. The Rummage sale conducted by the ladies of the Park Improvement club was a great success. They expect to have another sale next year on a much larger scale. The gross receipts were over \$80. The Dow City high school will give a literary program in Ahart's hall Saturday evening. It will consist of music, readings and a tarce of three acts entitled "The Heavenly Twins." All should attend this entertainment to encourage and help the high school. The M. E. Sunday School will have a fire place this year instead of the usual Christmas tree. The markets are as follows: Hogs, \$5.00-\$5.05; wheat, \$5.92; oats, 40-42; corn, in ear 50, shelled 49; bar- ley 50. Mrs. B. F. Judd was taken to the Denison hospital on Monday. Her husband and Mrs. O. J. Rudd were at the hospital Tuesday forenoon when an operation was to be perform- ed. It is reported successful. Mrs. Thos. Swatman and Mrs. John Cramer were up at Denison on Tuesday. Eugene Wiggins and Mott McHenry were out rabbit hunting on Monday. They went specially with Northwest- ern conductor Charley Hamblin, who took a day off duty for the occasion. He shot a big jack rabbit, which one of the others had missed, and was much pleased. Superintendent Baxter of the M. E. church will be at Dow City next Sunday to hold quarterly meet- ing and administer the Lord's supper. All are happy to know that Mrs. Marion Cole is better. The G. H. C. society met last Saturday afternoon with Golda Dow and the girls had a good time. There was an election of officers at the Methodist school and the follow- ing elected for the coming year: Supt., H. W. Logsden; Asst. Supt., Eugene Wiggins; Secretary, George Talcott; Treasurer, Benson Smith; organist, Sylvia Cole; Honorary Supt. Aunt Maggie Talcott. Mrs. Frank Evans and two chil- dren from Concord, Neb., were here last week. There was a play in the hall Tues- day night called "The Prince of Sweden. Eugene Wiggins spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. McBride. Martin Goddard was an over Sunday visitor at Denison. Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup stops the cough and drives the cold from the system. Children like it. Sold by Lamborn Drug Co. 49-5

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ARION ITEMS.

Mrs. Pearsoll and sister, of Linn county, have been visiting their niece Mrs. New man of this place. They returned to their home in Linn county accompanied by Mrs. Newman's mother, Mrs. Carpenter. Everett Hoke is now able to sit up in a chair part of the time, which change of position is a great relief. While Fern and Ava Butler were driving to school at Dow City the bad roads caused their horse to fall breaking a shaft of the buggy. Mrs. Graul, of Dow City, visited Rev. and Mrs. Mix last Monday. When Mrs. Delbert Lee returned to her home last Saturday evening after a short call on a neighbor, she found about twenty-five of her friends there. The party was a complete surprise. The time, until 12:00 o'clock was passed in dancing and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by those present. Chas. Butler returned to his home at Roney, North Dakota, Sunday. A little daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bills November 28. L. C. Butler made a business trip to Crofton, Nebraska. Mrs. Wade and little son went to Woodbine to visit her parents. The Kemming Mercantile company has fitted up the handsome rooms over the Arion Bank and is doing a good business in clothing for men and boys. Mr. Kemmling is well known here and his reputation for quality of goods, honesty and fair deal- ing is unexcelled. Jos. Kepford had the misfortune to lose a valuable horse last week. Hazel Williamson accompanied her sister, Mrs. I. Talcott on her return from Pierre and expects to spend the winter here. A team belonging to Mr. Odefey, who lives north of Arion, became frightened last Tuesday and ran away. The top was broken away from the buggy but the horses were not hurt. Mr. Seford, of Ricketts, made a short visit in town. Frank Dolton came to visit the C. C. Tripp home last Sunday. Ruth Claudy spent Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. Tripp. Mrs. Grainger returned to her home at Kenwood Monday. She reports her daughter, Mrs. Cole of Dow City, to be much improved in health. Mrs. Green went to Ute last Fri- day to spend a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Larson. Mrs. John Fotheringham, from South Dakota, visited Mrs. Tripp last Thursday. Mrs. Riggsby and John Gibson were Arion shoppers Monday. Mrs. N. C. Larson went to Denison last Thursday. About thirty of the neighbors and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Cruise surprised them last Saturday evening. A very enjoyable time is reported. Henry Frederickson, of Wilton Junction, came Friday to stay for a short visit with his sister, Mrs. Otis Nelson. Mrs. Russell, of Bangor, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Berka, returned to her home Monday. Good congregations attended both morning and evening services at the church last Sunday. In the evening as the time was near the date of John Milton's birthday, a brief sketch of the poet's life and writings was given. Subject of the sermon was "Eden and Gethsemane." Rev. Mix and his wife are certainly doing good Christian work and Arion is fortunate in having them here. Mr. and Mrs. Dean Talcott have re- turned from a trip to Pierre, South Dakota, where they have been visit- ing Mrs. Talcott's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Williamson. Jas. Rood, an old-time resident of this part of the country, whose home is now at New Market, has been visit- ing relatives and friends. Mrs. V. Talcott and Mrs. Ralph Clark were Denison visitors last Fri- day.



Announcement!

We wish to state that if you are desirous of having that monument erected you had bet- ter place the order at once be- cause of the fact that the ground will soon be in a con- dition that will preclude any erection really satisfactory. The lowest of prices--the most beautiful of designs. HILL BROS.

Who Won the Wine?

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Montgomery Stout's business often keeps him late at his office, and at times when funds come in after bank hours he carries them home with him. A street car line passes within a few minutes' walk of his house, and in this distance lies the only danger. He carries a revolver, but what use is a weapon when one is dropped by a rap on the back of his head?

Stout was one of a younger set of men in his suburb who were together a great deal and constantly joking one another. He talked to them about his nocturnal trips home, his fear of footpads and what he hoped to accom- plish in case of attack. One night when he was passing a dimly lighted place between the street car line and his house he was seized from behind by both arms, a hand was thrust in his pocket and \$500 in bills taken, to- gether with his revolver, so that when the robbers ran away he had no weapon with which to pursue them.

On reaching his house he found sev- eral of his friends, whom he excitedly told of his adventure and his loss. They sympathized with him deeply, and while doing so two others of the set, Mark Hamlin and Ben Turner, walked in. Stout was somewhat sur- prised to find callers so late at night-- it was 11 o'clock--but, after all, there was nothing remarkable in their visit. After listening to his account of the robbery and asking many questions, Mark Hamlin handed him the pocket- book of which he had been robbed and confessed himself the robber.

Then there was a general jollifica- tion. Stout brought out drinkables and cigars, and all agreed that a very amusing and practical joke had been played.

Some months after this Stout was again on his way home at night, this time with \$1,000 in his pocket that had come in late, when at the very same spot as before he heard the order:

"Hands up!"

At the same time he felt the cold muzzle of a gun near his ear and hands relieving him of everything he pos- sessed. Then the man with the gun said to him:

"You walk around the block before you go home and remember that you're watched. Any attempt to use a tele- phone for the next half hour will re- sult in a hole in you."

Now, the threat was lost on Mr. Stout, for he knew it had only been made as a bluff. The robbers would not be likely to wait to see that he completed his walk. Besides, the voice that gave the order was very like that of Mark Hamlin.

"Just wait a bit, my fine fellow," thought Stout, "and we'll see whom the joke is on this time."

He was within a stone's throw of his house. Darting to it, he went in, got a revolver--the robbers had taken the one he carried--ran back on tiptoe to find them dividing the spoil under a gas light.

"Hands up!" he yelled in a sten- torian voice.

There were but two men, and both raised their hands.

"Leave the things on the sidewalk," cried Stout, "and, mind, no lowering of hands."

Stout said this to gain time to think. The men remained motionless.

"Now turn your backs and go on down the street."

The men hesitated, then after a word with each other did as they were told. Stout followed till he came to his prop- erty, picked up every article, then fired his revolver.

At the shot the robbers took to their heels, and Stout went home and to bed chuckling at the way he had got even with his practical joking friends.

The next morning he telephoned "the gang" that Hamlin would break a bot- tle of wine at noon at a popular restau- rant, telephoning Hamlin also to be there. At half past 12 all had arrived except Hamlin, who came a few min- utes later.

"My friends," said Stout, "this prac- tical joking has gone far enough. I drove off two of you last night and recovered the property you had taken. One of the two I know, Mark Hamlin, you owe me and this party the wine."

"? The wine? What do you mean?"

"I mean this: When you played your game on me some time ago and I found the boys at my house, you and Bill Turner coming in later with my pocketbook, I took the joke good naturedly and opened myarder. Last night I turned the tables, drove you away and recovered my property. You owe the wine."

Hamlin stood gaping at his friend in astonishment.

"Do you mean to say I robbed you last night?"

"Come; no bluffing! I made you and your pal, whoever he was, drop the swag. I got it and fired a shot after you to scare you, at which you took to your heels."

Hamlin continued to gape, but the others told him to own up like a man and pay the wine. He made another offer at a denial, but being met with the cry of "Shame!" pushed the bot- tle and ordered in champagne. For an hour there was a merry party--all except Hamlin, who never opened his mouth, bearing the chaff of his friends without irritation. At the end of the feast he said:

"I give you all my word of honor that I had no connection whatever with this robbery."

Then the party looked at one another. "For heaven's sake," exclaimed Stout, "did I get the better of a pair of real robbers?"

And there was an explosion of laugh- ter.

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The Discoverer.

When first I sought to kiss her--say, I used to sit an' wonder Which way would be the smoothest way

An' bide a chance, by thunder! I'd plan: Tonight I'll do it, shore. I'll up an' kiss Loueey;

The minute I'm inside the door-- Jes' loverlike an' breezy.

Then--"No, I'd think; I'll wait a bit An' do it at a pucker."

Yet when she'd dimple there I'd sit Like any downright mucker

An' think, "I'll do it at good night," An' simply keep on talkin'.

But at the threshold I'd light-- An' kick myself for balkin'.

Till, sirs, I'd done it, slick as pie! We two stood there together.

I hadn't planned for this time--I Was thinkin' of the weather--

When sudden--gosh! Well, anyhow, 'Twas nothin' that she hated

An' went so natural that now I'm mad becuz I waited.

--New York Press.

Then He Flew.



He--Do you think a man should marry when he's getting twenty-five? She--If it's twenty-five millions, yes. --Baltimore American.

The Right Answer.

"I assure you," said the persistent suitor, "that I will not take 'No' for an answer."

"You needn't," replied Miss Bright. "I'll say 'Yes' upon one condition."

"And that is?"

"Just ask me if I am determined not to marry you under any circum- stances."--Philadelphia Press.

A Freak.

Jubb--Why, Jimmy, you look as if you'd grown four feet since I last saw you. Jimmy--Hub! I wisht I had. I'd exhibit in a dime museum as the "hu- man quadruped" and get a pile of money, I would.

The intellect of the wise is like glass; it admits the light of heaven and re- flects it.--Hare.

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